

# JEPHTHA LODGE 494

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



My Dear Brothers,

Jephtha kicked off October with over 60 people traveling to the Renaissance Fair for an unbelievable weekend. Thank you to all who attended, and we hope to see more of you next year. The importance of making new memories with our brethren and their families will continue to be the primary focus this Masonic year. All dates for future events can be found on Jephtha's BAND app, Facebook, and OLP. (See "Keeping In Touch" on p. 7 of this edition for the complete addresses.) If you have any questions regarding access to our social media accounts, please contact our Secretary, Tim Tenclay ([jephthasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:jephthasecretary@gmail.com); 516.710.2406).

In addition to our events, Jephtha will be having our annual coat, food and toy drive as we prepare for the holiday season. Jephtha's Holiday Party will be November 27th at 4pm. If you plan on visiting Jephtha please bring any donations you deem fit for the cause. The goal is to provide these items to Veterans and children in need. Please mark your calendars and join us if you can. Family and friends of Masons, welcome!

I would also like to encourage our newly passed Fellowcrafts to get involved with different committees to assist in any way you can. The growth of the lodge is dependent on all of us contributing. Let's continue our solidarity and growth on your path to Master Mason.

My brothers and I wish to thank our Veterans for their service and to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Enjoy a happy and healthy holiday my brothers.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
W. Jeremiah Campbell

## GREETING FROM THE WEST



Dear Brothers,

As we enter November, let us first give thanks to all the Veterans who, due to their Sacrifice and Fortitude, make it possible for all of us to be afforded the freedoms we have. One of these freedoms is the Right to Vote, so please don't forget to cast your ballot on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let us then honor our Veterans on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, as we should every day.

In remembering our Veterans, I would like to speak about one of our virtues as Freemasons. Fortitude is a virtue we are taught to practice - facing our fears and distancing ourselves from

cowardice. My personal example is performing in public, not so much speaking, but retaining and performing memorized dialogue. One of my first duties when I became a new officer was to have a big part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and I was given two weeks to learn it.

Of course, I said yes, but in my mind, I was asking myself, "What did I get myself into?" I had just finished my 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree when I was then asked to be a steward. At the first officers' meeting I was then asked to take a part in the question-and-answer portion of the upcoming degree.

On my way to the Lodge on degree night, I was saying to myself, "What did I get myself into? I'm going to fail. I'm going to be a disappointment." Not at all enjoying the degree as I was going over the lines in my head while traveling to the lodge, I accomplished my portion with success, only to be asked to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees when that time came!

By conquering fear and performing other roles in the Degrees, I gained a better understanding of not only the Degrees, but it also helped me to advance in the lodge. Last year, as Junior Warden, being the acting Master for the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree was so much longer and required a lot more memorization. However, it was a lot easier than when I first undertook the smaller roles in the Degrees because I had met my fear and conquered it while demonstrating Fortitude.

My Brothers, enjoy a very good Thanksgiving and a safe November. I always look forward to seeing you at the lodge and, as your Senior Warden, you can always reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

One of the bravest things a Mason can accomplish is conquering his fear.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Michael S. Crispino, Jr, Senior Warden

### GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brethren,

This greeting comes to you from Madison, Wisconsin, a place I have visited for the last 29 years, as I eagerly await a visit to Hiram Lodge #50 here in Madison. This will be my first opportunity to visit this lodge. One of the great privileges we earn as Master Masons is the ability to travel and work side by side with our brethren. This applies not only within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but any jurisdiction in which the Grand Lodge of New York has amity.

One of the questions I am normally asked by members of our lodge is, "How do you go about arranging a visit... Do you just show up?" What works for me is to look up the officers of the lodge on OLP ([ourlodgepage.com](http://ourlodgepage.com)), and with reasonable notice, send an email of introduction saying I would like to visit. Usually, a timely response from one of the officers warmly greets me and tells me how to go about the visit.

Traveling is a rewarding experience, and I always look forward to the opportunity of meeting new brothers, learning different points of view and sharing some of my experiences with them. I encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity any time you can. A visit to another jurisdiction is not only interesting, but it also provides the opportunity to spread the cement of brotherly love that binds us together as Masons. I look forward to sharing with you what I learned from my visit to Hiram Lodge #50 and the stories of the

new brothers I have met.

As we look forward to the month of November, there are some important dates for which to give thanks:

Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, celebrates the victory of light over darkness and heralds in the new year. To all our brothers, friends and family who celebrate this holiday may you have a blessed new year.

Armistice Day, the ending of World War I on 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month in 1918, began the tradition of remembering those who sacrificed so much for us to live in peace. While this will be the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of that day, its message lives on. Armistice Day continues today as Veterans Day, and we honor all our service men and women who unselfishly give of themselves so we can live in peace and freedom. I personally would like to thank all our armed service men and women for their service.

Thanksgiving Day - a day for family and friends and a day to remember our manifold blessings. It is also a day for our brothers to remember those who are not as fortunate - the hungry, the cold, the frail and, of course, children growing up in this world. Do not forget our Benevolence Committee Coat Drive, our Food Drive, and our Toys for Tots. There is no better way to give thanks for our blessings than by giving to those who are less fortunate.

In closing, I would like to personally wish all our Brothers, friends, and family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Br. Bill Fenty III, Junior Warden



### GREETINGS FROM THE CORNER DESK



My Dear Brothers,

I'm writing, this month, from Tucson, Arizona – it's my first time in Arizona and I'm enjoying the beauty of the mountains (which remind me of Sicily), the warmth of the sun (which I know, as a New Yorker, I will not feel much in the coming months), and the beauty of incredible sunrises (which I rarely take the time to see, but with the 3-hour time difference, for which I'm unintentionally awake). I'm here to teach a class for future ministers in my denomination during our annual Synod. Like many denominations, we are working through some profound divisions – divisions that, in many ways, find their roots in the loss of personal connections – the failure to love.

When I first started attending these meetings, we were still "family." Our love for one another overcame our divisions. As we've grown and the world around us has changed, that has become more difficult, and some have decided it isn't worth the work.

Why do I tell you all of this? It isn't because the inner workings of my denomination matter to Jephtha, they don't! It's because, as Jephtha continues to grow, we will increasingly be faced with the temptation to fall into the same trap. Our brotherly love is what holds us together. Our differences (and there are many) *will* become a source of division and dysfunction unless we – as brothers – continue to commit ourselves to the most basic of Masonic ideals: φιλία – philia – brotherly love.

Just as the W.: Bernzweig encouraged each at the most recent Communication to find an area (or two) to serve within the life and work of the lodge, let me offer my humble encouragement to look around the room

every time we gather and notice both who *is* in the room and also who *is not*. Then, drop an email or a phone call or a message through OLP or Facebook to those you notice gone. Let them know they've been missed – not to induce guilt or shame – but to remind them that we are brothers – to live out *φιλία*.

Together – but only together – can we make sure that Jephtha is *not* torn apart by our growth and *is* increasingly living into our potential.

Grace and peace,  
Br. Tim TenClay, Secretary

### THE MASONIC SERVICE CENTER AT JEPHTHA LODGE



The month of November has one day set aside to honor all the military veterans who have served the United States Armed Forces. November 11<sup>th</sup> was chosen for Veterans Day to mark the end of World War I, which was on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. Originally named Armistice Day, major U.S. veteran organizations petitioned to rename it Veterans Day in 1954.

It's no secret Freemasons support those who serve in the military. Many Masons were veterans themselves, and the fraternity had its strongest membership growth in the postwar years, including the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The Masonic Service Association dates to the First World War, when Masons and the federal government were looking to combine their efforts in the support for American troops. The Masonic Service Association was created to be a conduit between the government and the 49 U.S. Grand Lodges operating at the time. The Association expanded into four separate sub-groups: Education, Disaster Relief, Media Relations, and VA Hospital Visitation.

Masonic community activities during World War II included the creation of a national network of U.S.O.-like service clubs by state grand lodges and the Masonic Service Association. During World War II, 90 Masonic Service Centers were formed to service the military throughout the U.S. In the State of New York, eleven Masonic Service Centers were active during the war, each supplying a place that provided meals, recreation, transportation, letter-writing material, and free long-distance phone calls for the servicemen.



*Recreation Room at the Bethpage Lodge No. 975 Masonic Service Center in Farmingdale.*

The program was developed by Masonic Service Center director Carl H. Claudy and Missouri Past Grand Master, Senator Harry S. Truman.

Brother Truman was raised a Master Mason in 1909 in Belton Lodge, Missouri. He was a charter member of Grandview Lodge and served as its first Worshipful Master. In 1940, during his Senate re-election campaign, Truman was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Truman later stated that his election as Grand Master assured his victory in the general election, one further step closer toward the Presidency. Active in several concordant bodies, including 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and an Honorary Member of the

Supreme Council at the Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction; member of the Shriners and the Royal Order of Jesters.



Raised as a Master Mason in 1908 in Lodge Harmony No. 17 in Washington D.C., Claudy later served as its Master in 1932 and was elected Grand Master of the District of Columbia in 1943. A prolific author on aviation and photography, Claudy authored over 350 Masonic Talk Bulletins, over a dozen Masonic books and was the associate editor of the Masonic Service Association magazine, *The Master Mason* for several years.

But it was the future President who became the national spokesperson of Freemasonry's support of the war effort, quietly sending out the Masonic signal of distress to all brothers in the nations time of need.

In one radio address early in the war, Brother Truman stated "In the last war, we had 49 Grand Lodges trying to do the work of one. In unity there is strength. This time when our boys come marching home victorious, none will look askance and say where was Freemasonry in this hour of need? Approximately 10% of the boys in the service are Freemasons. Another 15% are close kin of Freemasons. Through the Association, Freemasonry is meeting the challenge of their great need. At this very moment in foxholes and on shipboard, beneath the sea and in the air, countless hands are being clasped in fraternal recognition as brothers find one another in the darkness as well as in the daylight. And countless fathers bravely wishing Godspeed to their departing sons are saying 'Boy, when your hour of darkness and loneliness come, find a Freemason, and tell him you are the son of a Freemason, and you will find a friend.' "

"And through our great Association the flower of Freemasonry is being made to bloom in the rocky soil of war's desolation. And the fruits of Freemasonry are being shared by every boy and girl who wears the uniform. There's nothing for sale in Masonic service centers. Neither mineral nor metal is the price of Freemasonry service to our boys, and yet our centers are supported without fanfare or public appeal because in our heart glows the great light of charity; unostentatious, but sincere. Each of us giving generously because we have seen the light and heard the cry of the widow's son."

The Masonic Service Centers were open to all service members, no matter if they were Freemasons or related to a brother. The Centers were not used as a recruitment center for prospective members, but a place where recreation and community events would help the soldiers keep their minds off the war and enjoy some fellowship. The volunteer hosts and hostesses at the Service Centers would also write thousands of letters to Masonic brothers overseas, offering words of encouragement and support.

Only two Masonic Service Centers were on Long Island for military servicemen: Bethpage No. 975 in Farmingdale and Jephtha No. 494 in Huntington. The Bethpage lodge was co-sponsored with the Bethpage O.E.S. No. 651, and for the duration of the war, thousands of servicemen were entertained with coffee, cake, books, and games by the Farmingdale Service Organization (F.S.O.). All the items were donated to the Service Center and the Bethpage brothers received letters of gratitude from the deployed servicemen for many years.

The second Service Center on Long Island was only eleven miles away in Huntington Village, where Jephtha No. 494 entertained 6,447 servicemen.



*Rare postcard of the Masonic Service Center of Farmingdale*

First proposed by Junior Past Master W.: Dana J. Tuthill at the October 27, 1942, Stated Communication, he spoke "of the boys in the Armed Service and their recreation while on a pass on furlough while in Huntington." Tuthill proposed the second-floor recreation room could be used for the local servicemen. A

motion was made and seconded the room was to be used by the men in the armed services, the Temple be properly posted, and to have hostesses and members of the lodge to supervise. On Saturday, November 7, 1942, the Jephtha Lodge Recreation Room was first open to the servicemen, with hours set for reading between 9AM-11AM and recreation from 2PM-11PM.

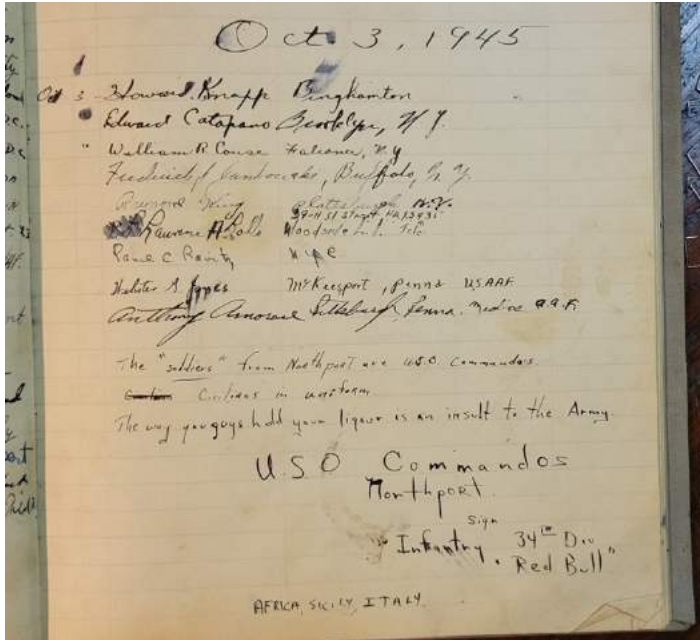


W.: Dana Tuthill

Within two weeks, the local Service Center was becoming very popular, with up to 200 servicemen spending time at the lodge on a weekly basis. The Trustees realized the 37-year-old lodge building needed some touching up and got to work cleaning the walls, painting the tiled ceiling, installing wainscotting (still in the recreation room today), removing old pictures and even donating a stuffed deer head to the local Elks Lodge. The Trustees spent \$500, which is the equivalent of \$8,400 in 2021, a tidy sum for a rural, all-volunteer organization dependent on donations.

By February 1943, two new Army-Navy Schools were setup near Huntington, and the local servicemen needed places to go during their downtime. More volunteers were needed to maintain the now, very active lodge building. By the spring of 1943, the local hostesses approached the Trustees for permission to have a "tea dance" on Sunday afternoons. The Service Center hostesses offered to pay fifty cents each to raise funds for one dance with each serviceman. The Jephtha brothers were opposed to the plan as presented and offered to cover all financial obligations for any dance for the servicemen.

Tuthill reported over 300 sailors and soldiers visited the building during June 1943, leading to the need of a portable lunch counter, which was followed by a donation of an ice box by Brother Raymond Brush.



Final page of the Jephtha Lodge Masonic Service Center register, October 3, 1945

Preserved in the Jephtha archives is a visitors' register, signed by thousands of servicemen between September 1943 and October 1945. Each signature carries a story of the brave sailors and soldiers who defended our great nation during World War II. The servicemen were not just local Long Islanders, but others who travelled a great distance to be entertained at Jephtha Lodge during some well-deserved R&R. Cities of Phoenix, San Francisco and Cleveland were represented, as well as the small towns of Metcalf, Illinois and Ellensburg, Washington.

The fraternal bonds between these once strangers became much stronger during their time in the service, which is briefly captured in the final entry of the register from the "Northport U.S.O. Commandos," survivors of the campaigns in Africa and Sicily.

### THE JEPHTHA LODGE WORLD WAR II SERVICE FLAG

Jephtha Lodge approved the purchase of this Service Flag and a Scroll with the names of Brothers serving in the Armed Services at the June 8, 1942, Stated Communication. A committee was formed with W.: Dana J. Tuthill (1941) and Junior Warden Albert S. Nussbaum to procure these items. The Flag used has



15 stars. At the time the lodge acquired the flag, there were 32 sons of Brothers in the Armed Services (later 35). The Scroll is now lost, but the Service Flag is currently on display in the Jephtha Masonic Museum.

A service flag or service banner is displayed by family members for those serving in the United States Armed Forces. The flag or banner is officially defined as a white field with a red border, with a blue star for each family member serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities. Masonic Lodges may fly a service flag if one of its members is serving on active duty.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.: Ron Seifried, DSA, Jephtha Historian

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pedro Baez, III	Kirk E. Hall	David Minassian	Patrick Tomasino
Matthew Bell	Zash Hossain	Steven J. Pagano	Robert P. Walther
Charles B. Di Pietro, II	Robert L. Hylton, Jr	Christopher Palmer	Martin H. White
Thomas M Fisk	Stephen S. Kalogris	Thomas G. Piper	Walter Willems
Kamal K. Gupta	William Kanzler	Michael A. Schenker	
Kenneth T. Hall	Frederick J. Meuser	Matthew Tomasino	

### NOVEMBER RAISINGS

Gino Caba	Alfred Q. Kuntz	William T. Perks	Rudolph H. Weber
Adrian Ciocci	Frank J. Libert	Ernest Savaglio	Robert J. Weinacht
Raymond J. Dowling	Bob Douglas Marini	Christopher Tomasino	Robert V. Williamson
Neil H. Fisk	Mikel Nazarowitz	Matthew Tomasino	
Enelus F. Junio	Gary F. Osarczuk	Thomas E. Wainwright	

### KEEPING IN TOUCH



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*The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless, unencumbered acts of kindness and of love.*  
William Wordsworth (1770-1850), English Romantic Poet, Poet Laureate of the UK (1843-1850)



### OCTOBER 2021

Monday	November	1	7:00 PM	<b>Officers' Meeting and Oktoberfest Cleanup</b>
Friday	November	5	7:30 PM	<b>Truth Triangle:</b> Regular Stated Meeting
Monday	November	8	7:00 PM	<b>Stated Communication:</b> Holiday Party budget, Coat & Toy Drive; Masonic Veterans Observance; W.: Ron Seifried, DSA - History of the Paramount Theater
Wednesday	November	10	6:30 PM	<b>Travel:</b> Babylon District Deputy Visit
Monday	November	15	7:00 PM	<b>Officers'/Trustees' Meeting and Entered Apprentice Degree Rehearsal</b>
Friday	November	19	7:30 PM	<b>Truth Triangle:</b> Public Installation of Officers Kindly RSVP to Mrs. Schulbaum by November 12, 2001 (debschulbaum@gmail.com)
Monday	November	22	7:00 PM	<b>Special Communication:</b> Conferral of Entered Apprentice Degree
Saturday	November	27	4:00 PM	<b>Holiday Party:</b> Enjoy the Huntington Holiday Parade from inside the lodge. Price of admission: new or gently used coats; canned, boxed or other non-perishable foods, NEW toys for children of all ages, 50/50 raffle.
Monday	November	29	7:00 PM	<b>Holiday Party Cleanup:</b> Dinner provided, probably pizza
Tuesday	November	30	7:00 PM	<b>School of Instruction:</b> Masonic Etiquette, hosted by Bill DeBenedetto. All brothers are invited to attend.

### TRUTH TRIANGLE



Truth Triangle #31 chapter at the 2021 Biennial Convention

During October 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, Truth Triangle #31 attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the Organization of Triangles, Inc. This year's convention, "Triangle Through Time," emphasized exploring ancient civilizations, and was held at the Albany Hilton, just across the street from the Albany Masonic Temple. Our chapter had nine members and several Supervisors in attendance, despite the challenges presented by very stringent COVID protocols.

On the first night of Convention, Truth Triangle welcomed two brand new members, Cadence and Isabella. All the ladies participated in our annual

business sessions, voting to make adjustments to our State By-Laws and Constitution, and installing new State Officers. Our own Past Beloved Queen, Ariyana, was installed as the Junior Advisor of Suffolk District for the 2021 to 2023 term! Several of our Truth ladies also impressed the assembled attendees with a flawlessly memorized and performed Founders Day Degree, led by Beloved Queen Lilyonna.

The weekend also featured several leadership and skill training seminars, a banquet, talent show, multiple



competitions, and several raffle events to raise money for the Emergency Relief Fund, Scholarship Fund, and other charitable efforts. It was revealed during the transition of State Officers that Junior Past State Representative Maggie raised over \$4,000.00 for her chosen charity, Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation during her term. The new State Representative, Adriana, has officially begun her own fundraising efforts. (For more information, please visit [www.ootny.org](http://www.ootny.org).)

Truth Triangle #31 won multiple awards over the course of the weekend, in a plethora of categories. In the Creative Writing competition, Sophia M won 1<sup>st</sup> place for ages 13 to 16, and Petra won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Most Creative. In the Relic Design (art) competition, Cadence took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Alana won 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Truth took home 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Swap competition, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Talent show with an impressive performance of Michael Jackson's Thriller. Truth also took part in a performance organized by Meridian Triangle, which won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Finally, Petra won first place in the Ritual competition, impressing the judges with a near-flawless performance of the Chaplain's portion of our Initiation Ceremony in her very first ritual competition appearance!

The ladies made new friends, gained valuable memories, and came home safely, healthy, exhausted, and inspired to continue building our chapter and our organization. We hope to have twice (or even thrice) as many young ladies from our chapter attend the 32<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention in 2023!

The members and Supervisors of Truth Triangle would also like to extend an invitation for all Brothers and their families to attend our Public Installation of Officers on Friday, November 19th at 7:30PM. Please RSVP to Mrs. Schulbaum ([debschulbaum@gmail.com](mailto:debschulbaum@gmail.com)) by November 12, 2021, if you plan to attend so that we can adequately abide by necessary COVID protocols. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Schulbaum, Junior Deputy  
Truth Triangle #31

*W. O. M.*  
*Wives & Women of Masons*

Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell and Anita Campbell have invited Wives and Women of Masons to join the Masons at their collations on the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at Jephtha Lodge #494:

November 8, 2021	January 10, 2022	March 14, 2022	May 9, 2022
December 13, 2021	February 14, 2022	April 11, 2022	

Worshipful Master Jeremiah Campbell and Anita Campbell have also invited Wives and Women of Masons to attend the following events at Jephtha Lodge:

**November 27, 2021: Holiday Party and Parade Watch/Food and Coat Drive (Fundraiser), 4 PM**

Fun for the family, join us for snacks as we watch the Huntington Town Holiday Parade from the street or the warmth of the Lodge! Open to families. Cost of admission includes new or gently used coats, canned, boxed or other non-perishable food items, and NEW toys for children of all ages. (50/50 raffle)

**December 21, 2021: New Year's Eve Party (Fundraiser), 8 PM-12 AM**

Join us as we relive a gone but not forgotten Jephtha tradition of celebrating the closing year while bringing in a new year full of promise with family and friends! Children welcome, a babysitter will be on the premises. (50/50 raffle) Ticket prices TBD.

**February 19, 2022: Mardi Gras Party (Fundraiser), Time TBD**

Wear your Green, Gold and Purple best! Children welcome, tickets include all you can eat buffet and non-alcoholic drinks, beer and wine, cash bar available. (50/50 raffle) Ticket prices TBD

**March 13, 2022: St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Fundraiser), Time TBD**

Let's get GREEN!!! Party with Jephtha as we watch the Town of Huntington's St. Patrick's Day Parade from the street or from the windows of the lodge! Children encouraged to attend. Ticket prices include all you can eat food and non-alcoholic drinks, wine and beer, cash bar available. (50/50 raffle)

**April 23, 2022: Cemetery Cleanup (Jephtha Outreach), 10 AM-12 PM**

Fort Golgotha and the Old Burial Ground, 228 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743 - Yard work/cleanup, dress accordingly, OK to bring your own gardening tools, children that can help are encouraged to attend and will receive signed volunteer hours. Let us know at least 3 days in advance so they can receive their certificates.

**April 30, 2022: Third Degree Dinner, Location and Price TBD**

Times and Ticket Prices to be determined (TBD) if not mentioned, and the location is at the lodge unless otherwise mentioned. **Please contact Anita Campbell if you have any questions, 516.805.6194.**



At the Special Communication of October 25th, the Brothers of Jephtha Lodge had the privilege of hearing Principal Development Officer Stephen Izzo's presentation of the work being done at the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) in Utica, New York. The institute has become nationally and internationally known for its research in heart disease, clots, electrophysiology, autism, lupus, diabetes and obesity. MMRI was founded by the New York State Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in 1958.

The Mission Statement of the Institute: "To conduct high quality biomedical and clinical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for understanding molecular mechanisms of disease and development of medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Institute is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against disease worldwide."

Further information about MMRI can be found at <https://mmri.edu>.

**MASONIC MOMENT**

*Masonry has helped me mold my life in a more positive fashion since my debilitating accident.*

March 31, 1993, dawned like any other day as I prepared to leave for midterm exams at Long Island University, CW Post Campus. I was a 20 year-old college junior and little did I know that morning would change my life forever.

After dropping my mother off at work and completing my midterm exams, I was excited as I headed home since I had front row, center stage tickets to see Henry Rollins open for The Black Crowes. On the way, I was involved in a horrific and brutal car accident. My left arm was completely severed, my left hip fractured and dislocated. As I quickly fell into a coma, a Guardian Angel rushed to my aid, using either his tie or belt to create the tourniquet that kept me from bleeding to death. Once the emergency crew arrived, they extracted me from the car and took me to the trauma center at Nassau County Medical Center. I flatlined three times, but the Great Architect knew I had not accomplished all that I was yet to do in life because His Omniscient Love supported me and continues to sustain me every day of my life.

Since I never picked up my mother from work, my aunt brought her home only to see a police car waiting

at the curb with my little brother in the passenger seat. When they heard what had happened, they rushed to the hospital via the nearest parkway. On the way, my mother saw me in a lush, green field yet there are no lush, green fields along the route. She pleaded with me to come back.

I don't remember waking from my fourteen-day coma, but I do remember the surgeon removing sutures from my arm. I was also suffering from double vision from being hit in the head with a 13,000 pound cherry picker. My dreams of continuing to compete as a professional body builder brutally ended, and I quickly became angry and depressed. Phantom pain from my missing arm and hand plagued me and continues to this day, every day. My parents were told I would most probably spend the rest of my life institutionalized. The doctors gave them little hope.

Once my hip was out of traction, I began physical therapy, which also included learning how to sit upright and perhaps walk again. During my seven weeks of hospitalization, three with physical and occupational therapy, my mother was visiting rehabilitation hospitals to determine which would be best for me. I spent the next five weeks in Pennsylvania for rehabilitation and then returned home for 13 months of outpatient rehabilitation 25 miles from home. My mother now became my principal caregiver and advocate, abandoning her career. Each weekday she would spend a minimum of three hours getting me to and from therapy, 100 miles every day. While I worked to regain body function, my mother searched extensively to successfully find a wonderful endocrinologist who has taught me how to make better choices as a diabetic.

My healing began with my first prosthetic arm and hand (most recently with a fully functional, myoelectric prosthetic arm with a digital hand, both activated by electrodes), followed by my return to sports and college. Weightlifting presented unique challenges, but I was able to conquer them with my education in exercise sciences, winning the 1999 Lifetime Drug-Free Physically Challenged National Championship, later in the same day placing second against able-bodied competitors in the main class competition, and in 2000 placing second in the Natural NY State Bodybuilding Championships in the middle weight class competition against able-bodied competitors. This type of training, however, did not positively affect my joints, so I switched to cycling enabling me to join the U.S. Paralympic Development Squad. During the 2007 U.S. Paralympic Track Cycling Nationals, I won the bronze medal in the kilometer time trial.

Because of my traumatic brain injuries from the accident, I returned to college with great concern, taking courses in photography and drumming to prepare my brain for more serious studies. In 1997 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science, becoming a strength and conditioning coach. I received the Academic Achievement and Service to the University Award (Dr. Roy Ilowit Sportsmanship Award), as well as being listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities (1997, CW Post). In 2008 I earned a Master of Science degree in exercise science from Queens College, CUNY (2008).

In spite of all that I have endured, including several periods of extreme difficulty and darkness, and despite still today not being able to find steady, gainful employment in my chosen field for which my disability has proved a distinct disadvantage, I wouldn't change my life for anything. My mother and father have been incredibly devoted in helping me, reteaching their grown son the elementary tasks a child needs to know to function in everyday life. I am so extraordinarily grateful for my father's emotional and financial support and for my mother's profound love which have enabled me to live a near-normal life. Their unflagging determination ensured that I would not end up in a long-term-care facility as several medical authorities had predicted.

I have other wonderful people in my life who support me in everything I am looking to accomplish. I am incredibly thankful for Jephtha Lodge #494 and for all my Brothers. They enrich my life.

Reaching the Degree of Master Mason is one of the greatest accomplishments I have ever achieved. It

has taught me how to improve myself by becoming less angry, more tolerant, and more appreciative. My Brethren are there for me, and I am there for them, and these friendships have also helped me improve my relationships outside the lodge. My physical, mental, and emotional healing would have never developed as they have had it not been for Masonry and my cherished Brothers, not only from Jephtha Lodge but also from surrounding lodges. True and genuine Masonic friends have shared their Masonic light with me, thereby helping shape my healthy, post-trauma persona.

I have not met any disabled Masons, but I would like to. Perhaps they have struggled as I have, and I would be able to help them move to a better place and give them a different perspective. As I can readily confirm, the disabled are frequently not as social as they can be. They are often withdrawn, as I once was. My Brothers have helped me immeasurably by accepting me fully as I am. They are my world. It is my profoundest wish this article will give all those who are disabled hope - Hope that Masonry brings to us all, Patience to endure when necessary, and Brotherly Love that heals unconditionally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Michael Foresto  
In collaboration with Br. Richard Gentile

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Thanksgiving begins the year-end festivities which include Diwali, Hanukkah, the feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Christmas and Kwanzaa, concluding with New Year's Day. It is a time of great joy and merriment, but we, as Masons, should always be mindful of the sick and frail, those living alone, those who have recently lost loved ones, the disabled, the homeless, widows, orphans... The Grand Lodge of New York gives us definite roles we must play regarding the *Aged and Infirm*, which is especially poignant during this time of year.

*Members of a Lodge, who, because of age or infirmity, find it either difficult or impossible to attend the assemblies of their Brethren, stand in need of special consideration by their Lodge; and, because of their condition they are particularly appreciative of kindness or courtesies that may be shown to them. A Lodge will maintain its contacts with them; will see that they are visited; will send them messages on special occasions, and perhaps encourage its members to remember them now and again with appropriate gifts or other reminders. Some Lodges follow the admirable custom of holding an annual "Patriarch's Night" in honor of aged members; others make it a practice at certain intervals to send vehicles for those physically able to attend Lodge but who haven't the means. Masonic Etiquette, The Grand Lodge of New York, p. 8.*

*The influences of Masonic etiquette touch the life of every Mason at every point, and whatever it touches it beautifies and ennobles. Masonic Etiquette, The Grand Lodge of New York, p. 5.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile

## HISTORIC MASONIC PUBLICATION

### HENRY ADAMSON

Baptized November 11, 1581 - Died 1639

Henry Adamson was the son of James Adamson, Dean (senior official) of the Merchant Guildry and Provost (mayor) of Perth, Scotland. Henry Adamson, like his uncle, had planned on becoming a priest but instead became a schoolmaster in Perth. In preparation for the priesthood, Adamson had done well in his classical studies and wrote good, Latin poetry.

Henry Adamson had written a poem, *Muses Threnodie: of Mirthful Mournings of the death of Mr. Gall*,



which his friend, William Drummond of Hawthornden, a Scottish poet in his own right, encouraged he have printed (Edinburgh 1638 - Adamson died a year after its publication.) Mr. Gall was *a citizen of Perth, and a gentle-man of goodly stature, and pregnant wit, much given to pastime, as golf, archerie, curling and jovial companie*. Henry Adamson is credited with first using the word "curling" in 1620. His poem is a varied history of Perth filled with poetical descriptions, historical narration and divine observations. It was republished in 1774 since it had become rare and difficult to find.

His poem is an early recording of playing golf on the South Inch, a large public park in Perth:

And ye, my clubs must no more prepare  
To make your balls flee whistling through the air.

He is known in Freemasonry for being one of the first to note in print the development of the Craft with the rebuilding of a bridge over the River Tay (the main river of Perth) which was swept away in 1621. It also includes his observation of Rosicrucians and second sight (ESP):

Thus Mr. Gall assured it would be so  
And my good genius doth surely know:  
For what we do presage is not in grosse  
For we be brethren of the Rosie Crosse;  
We have Mason word, and second sight  
Things for to come we can foretell aright.

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Threnody is a wailing ode, song, hymn, or poem of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a person who has passed away.

Rosicrucianism is "built on esoteric truths of the ancient order, concealed from the average man, provide insight into nature, the physical universe, and the spiritual realm." (*Journal of Religion and Psychical Research*, pp. 131-148, 1995) It combines Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism, the relationship between the unchanging, eternal God and the mortal, finite universe), Hermeticism (based on the purported teachings of Hermes Trismegistus, a legendary Hellenistic combination of the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth), alchemy (the aim of finding the Philosopher's Stone, to discover the medium of Eternal Youth and Health, and to discover the transmutation of metals) and Christian mysticism (ranging from the ecstatic visions of the soul's mystical union with God and humans gaining divine qualities, to simple prayerful contemplation of Holy Scripture).

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Richard Gentile

*All brothers of Jephtha Lodge are encouraged to contribute articles to Masonic Moments, Famous Mason (the same birth month as the month's publication) and Historic Masonic Publications. Kindly submit articles to the Communications Committee: Br. Bill Fenty III (wfenty@gmail.com) and Br. Richard Gentile (rg.jlnews@aol.com) by the 15th of the month for publication the following month. If you have any questions, kindly contact the two brothers above.*

## JEPHTHA LODGE 494

### OFFICERS

June 2020 - June 2021

**Worshipful Master**

W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell **Senior Warden**

Br. Michael Crispino Jr

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W.: Ronald J. Seifried, DSA, Chairman  
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W.: Br. Anthony Colonna.      Br. John Muller  
Br. Robert Wedderburn

### ACTIVE JEPHTHA LODGE COMMITTEES AND FUNDS

#### Ambassador Calling Committee

To attend to elderly Masons and their needs through frequent phone calls and appropriate action.  
*Br. Michael Crispino Jr, Administrator*

#### Apparel Committee

To maintain, clean and ready all Masonic apparel for immediate use.  
*Br. Bill Fenty Jr, Chairman; Br. Chuck Brady, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Bill Friedman, Br. Luke LoPorto*

#### Artwork Committee

To design and produce distinctive artwork for Jephtha Lodge.  
*Br. Chuck Brady, Br. John Hurioglu, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Robert Previto,  
W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

#### Band App Committee

To keep the *Band* app informative and current.  
*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Administrator; W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Co-Administrator*

#### Bar and Libations Committee

To order and stock all drinks and accoutrements and maintain the bar.  
Committeemen prepare and serve drinks when appropriate.  
*Br. Drew MacCallum, Br. Paul Levy, Br. Kenneth J. Siesener*

#### Communications and Newsletter Committee

To ensure Jephtha Lodge communications are correct, timely and promptly disseminated.  
To create and publish the monthly *Jephtha Lodge Newsletter*.  
*Br. William Fenty III, Br. Richard Gentile, Br. Drew MacCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

#### DJ Entertainment Committee

To organize and provide entertainment at Jephtha Lodge functions.  
*Br. Geoff Cohen*

#### Education Committee

To hold education classes in the Masonic Degrees, prepare and deliver educational lectures and Masonic moments at stated communications, review and recommend academic scholarships, and provide reasonable assistance in Masonic education or research to the Lodge and its Brothers,

or mandates under the Grand Lodge Constitution.

*W.: Br. Robert Previto, Chairman; W.: Br. Dan Bernzweig, W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Michael Crispino, Br. Tom Ferrentino, Br. Mitch Goodkin, W.: Br. Rich Harris, Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA, Br. Tim TenClay*

#### **Finance and Audit Committee**

To verify all finances and audits are up-to-date, correct, and certified according to standard accounting procedures.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. Robert Gaudio, W.: Br. Richard Harris, Br. Anthony S. Kalabacas, Br. John A Lentinello, W.: Br. John B. Lentinello DSA, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

#### **Historians and Archivists Committee:**

To research, verify, record and archive all Jephtha Lodge history.

*W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA, Br. Paul A. Vermeylen III, W.: Br. Robert C. Wuestefeld DSA*

#### **Home App and Nest App Committee**

To keep *Home* app and *Nest* app up to date and functioning properly.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

#### **Investigations Committee:**

To receive, record, and investigate submissions from prospective applicants, interview applicants, and report committee findings to the membership.

*Br. Frank Como, Br. William Fenty Jr, Br. William Fenty III, W.: Br. Richard Harris, W.: Br. John B. Lentinello DSA, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Br. Mikel Nazarowitz, Br. Gary Osarczuk, Br. Charles J. Williams*

#### **InVid Elevate App and Security Cameras Committee**

To keep *InVid Elevate* app up-to-date and all security cameras at peak performance.

*Br. John Muller, Administrator; Br. Walter Willems*

#### **Jephtha Benevolence Fund**

To generate funds to support Jephtha Brothers in need.

*Br. Luke LoPorto, Chairman; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, Br. Bill Fenty III, Br. Bill Friedman, W.: Br. Rich Harris*

#### **Liaison to Widows Committee**

To communicate with deceased Brother's widows to ensure their continued well-being, and share any challenges with the Widows, Sickness and Relief Committee.

*Br. Tom Montefusco*

#### **Masonic Brotherhood Fund**

To raise funds in cooperation with the Grand Lodge of New York to support brothers in need.

*Br. Chaz Hudak*

#### **NorthStar and Shepherding Committee**

To prepare Jephtha Lodge Brothers for their degrees in conformance with the Grand Lodge of New York guidelines.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. William Fenty III, Br. Anthony Kalabacus, Br. John A Lentinello, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. Timothy TenClay, Br. Chris Tomasino*

#### **Our Lodge Page Committee**

To edit and supply *Our Lodge Page* content for completeness and timeliness.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Co-Administrator*

#### **Past Master Liaison Committee**

To assist the present Worshipful Master as needed.

*W.: Br. Anthony Colonna*

#### **Photography Committee**

To photograph Jephtha Lodge events, *Br. Drew MacCallum*

### **Ritual Committee**

To ensure all ritual is properly executed and performed  
in conformance with the Grand Lodge of New York guidelines.

*W.: Br. Jeremiah Campbell, Br. Michael Crispino Jr., Br. William Fenty III, W.: Br. Rich Harris,  
Br. Anthony S. Kalabacas, Br. John A. Lentinello, Br. Luke LoPorto, Br. John Muller, W.: Br. Robert Previto*

### **Travel Committee**

To arrange and oversee the safe execution of all Jephtha Lodge travel.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, W.: Br. Robert Previto*

### **Truth Triangle Liaison Committee**

To coordinate Truth Triangle with Jephtha Lodge news and events.

*W.: Br. Anthony Colonna, W.: Br. Rich Harris*

### **Veterans Affairs Liaison Committee**

To organize Veterans Affairs with Jephtha Lodge information and activities.

*W.: Br. John B Lentinello DSA*

### **Website and Tech Support Committee**

To oversee the Jephtha Lodge website, provide tech support as needed, and keep the website  
up-to-date and running smoothly.

*W.: Br. Warren Melnick, Administrator; Br. Drew MacCallum, W.: Br. Ron Seifried DSA*

### **Widows, Sickness and Relief Committee**

To remain mindful of and offer appropriate relief to Jephtha Lodge widows, Brothers and their families  
who are ill or in distress.

*Br. Michael Crispino Jr*

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***KINDLY MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO -***

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***YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPER CHAIRMAN.***



**Happy Thanksgiving**